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FINAL DRAFT TOR FOR TASK FORCE ON ELECTRONIC WARFARE

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1. SINCE THE EWG, AT ITS JULY 15 REINFORCED MEETING, WILL ADDRESS TOR FOR NINE SEPARATE TASK FORCES, US OBJECTIVES FOR THE EW TOR MUST NOT BE FORMULATED IN ISOLATION FROM THE OTHER EIGHT, BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL APPROACH THE US INTENDS TO ADOPT FOR THAT MEETING. THUS, THIS TELEGRAM SIMPLY FORWARDS OUR COMMENT AND IS NOT A REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN OVERVIEW MESSAGE THAT WILL SYNTHESIZE OUR COMMENT, FORWARD OUR SUGGESTION FOR THE APPROACH THE US SHOULD ADOPT FOR THE JULY 15
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MEETING, AND CONTAIN OUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE.

2. THE TOR PREPARED BY CINCHAN (REFTTEL) ARE A MIXED BLESSING. THEY LACK THE PRECISE, DELIBERATE APPROACH THE US WOULD EXPECT, BUT WITHIN THEM, IN SOME FORM, ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR A VIABLE EW PROGRAM. WE ARE AWARE THAT US OFFICERS FROM THE JCS, SHAPE, AND THE IMS HAVE

COLLABORATED WITH CINCHAN REPS DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 1977 TO DEVELOP A REVISED DRAFT OF THE TOR FOR THE EW TASK FORCE, INCORPORATING US-PROPOSED CHANGES. HOWEVER, AS OF COB JULY 8, CINCHAN HAD NOT DECIDED WHAT USE TO MAKE OF ANY SUCH REVISED DRAFT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CINCHAN MAY, EARLY NEXT WEEK, PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO HIS ORIGINAL SUBMISSION, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT HE WILL DRAW UPON THE REVISED DRAFT ON WHICH THESE US OFFICERS COLLABORATED.

3. IN REVIEWING THE TOR AS ISSUED, WE NOTE THAT THE TASK FORCE COMPOSITION LACKS AN INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST BUT DOES INCLUDE SIGNIFICANT US REPRESENTATION. WE DO WONDER WHY THE NETHERLANDS OR ITALY IS BEING CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL EW EXPERT, SINCE NEITHER NATION IS NOTED FOR EXPERTISE IN EW. THE TOR DO NOT SHOW ANY EXPLICIT SUBORDINATE TASK GROUP STRUCTURE, WHICH COULD MEAN THAT CINCHAN MAY NOT HAVE YET ZEROED IN ON HOW TO ATTACK THE LARGE, ALLIANCE-WIDE STUDY TASK CONFRONTING HIM.

4. CINCHAN SENSITIVITY OVER THE AMOUNT OF US INVOLVEMENT APPEARS TO BE RUNNING HIGH. WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL INFORMAL WARNINGS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EW INITIATIVE IS NOW A NATO EFFORT AND WILL PROCEED AS CINCHAN DEEMS BEST REGARDLESS OF DIFFERING US SENTIMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST AVOIDING ANY FURTHER INTENSE US EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE EXISTING TOR BETWEEN NOW AND THE EWG ON 15 JULY. IN
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THE FIRST PLACE, CINCHAN MAY INDEED ISSUE A REVISION EARLY NEXT WEEK THAT WILL IMPROVE UPON THE CURRENT VERSION. IN THE SECOND PLACE, THE US REP AT THE 15 JULY EWG CAN WEIGH IN WITH AN APPROPRIATE US POSITION AT THAT TIME. STREATOR

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